

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-476 (PACS B52) Construction Date: 1947

Name: Bell Property

Location: 7242 Carrico Mill Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description: The Bell Property is a 1-story, 4-bay cross-gable cottage on the south side of Carrico Mill Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed in 1947, the building consists of front and side-gable sections, with enclosed hipped roof porches on the front and rear elevations.

Significance: The Bell Property is a 1.44 hectare (3.56 acre) parcel located on the south side of Carrico Mill Road. Gerald and Brenda Bell purchased the property from Marvin and Nellie Hedrick in 1993. According to the Charles County tax records, the house on the property was constructed in 1947. The property is not historically significant, as it is an example of a common twentieth century building type which lacks individual distinction. The house has been altered by the enclosure of the front and rear porches with 1/1 windows.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Bell Property

2. Location:

street & number 7242 Carrico Mill Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Hughesville

☒ vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Charles

3. Classification:**Category**☐ district☒ building(s)☐ structure☐ site☐ object**Ownership**☐ public☒ private☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process☐ being considered☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied☐ unoccupied☐ work in progress**Accessible**☒ yes: restricted☐ yes: unrestricted☐ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture☐ commercial☐ education☐ entertainment☐ government☐ industrial☐ military☐ transportation☐ museum☐ park☒ private☐ residence☐ religious☐ scientific☐ other:**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Gerald and Brenda Bell

street & number 7242 Carrico Mill Road

telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 1890

street & number Charles Street

folio 80

city, town La Plata

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal☐ state☐ county☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 5

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bell Property is a 1-story, 4-bay cross-gable cottage on the south side of Carrico Mill Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed in 1947, the building consists of a front and side-gable section, with enclosed hipped roof porches on the front and rear elevations.

The structure has an asphalt shingle roof, with an interior brick chimney on the east slope of the front-gable and an exterior brick chimney on the west gable end of the side-gable section. The building is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a parged foundation. The windows are wood 6/6 double-hung. The house has an enclosed hipped roof porch on the front and rear elevations. The front porch is located on the front-gable section. The porch is enclosed with a half-wall covered with aluminum siding and by a band of 1/1 double-hung windows. The front elevation has a three-sided canted bay on the side-gable section. The rear porch is enclosed with 6/6 double-hung windows. Also on the rear elevation is a basement entry covered with a gable roof.

Access to the interior of the building was not available.

There are four outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a front-gable garage, with an asphalt shingle roof and aluminum siding. Constructed in 1947, it is of wood-frame construction. The structure is located south of the house.

The second outbuilding is a tobacco barn, with a metal roof and vertical wood siding. Constructed circa 1950, it is of wood-frame construction.

The third outbuilding is a tobacco stripping building located adjacent to the tobacco barn. The building has an asphalt shingle roof and an interior brick chimney on the south elevation. The structures are located southeast of the house.

The fourth outbuilding is a quonset hut under construction to the south of the house and tobacco barn.

The property is located on the south side of Carrico Mill Road, with residential property to the north, south and east and forested land to the west.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1947

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Bell Property is a 1.44 hectare (3.56 acre) parcel located on the south side of Carrico Mill Road. Gerald and Brenda Bell purchased the property from Marvin and Nellie Hedrick in 1993. According to the Charles County tax records, the house on the property was constructed in 1947. There are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structures.

The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary. In 1658 Charles County was founded in an area originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

The area that became Hughesville was located in Lord Baltimore's grant of 6,879.9 hectares (17,000 acres) of Newport Hundred to Major William Boarman during 1650-1699. This land included the region "east of Zachiah Swamp" and became known as Boarman's Manor. Hughesville does not appear on an 1840 Map of a Part of Maryland, and Fisher's 1852 Gazetteer of the State of Maryland did not list the community. Hughesville was located at the crossroads of two of the main routes through Charles County: Burnt Store to Patuxent City and on to Annapolis, (Burnt Store Road and Prince Frederick Road/Route 231) and Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and on to St. Mary's City (Leonardtwn Road/Route 5). Accordingly, Hughesville is shown on Martenet's 1866 Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. The 1871 State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers Directory for Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and

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livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The Bell Property is a cross-gable cottage constructed in 1947. From the 1870s to the 1940s, the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

Most inhabitants of the project area were engaged in farming at the time of first settlement. The property contains a tobacco barns and a tobacco stripping building. Tobacco has been grown in Charles County from its first settlement. This crop and the factors necessary for its successful cultivation have, to a great extent, determined the economic and social development of the County. Large landholdings were aggrandized by the wealthy elite and worked first by indentured servants and later by slaves. Tobacco was so valued that it was used as a medium of exchange. As early as 1852 the soil of Charles County was defined as "much exhausted by neglectful culture...[because] this is entirely an agricultural County and much of its industry is devoted to tobacco-growing" (Fischer 1852: 63).

The production of tobacco created the need for a barn designed for the special storage and "curing" of the crop. The structures were long, wooden buildings with a gable roof. The interior had a central aisle and was divided into compartments by a network of wooden beams and "tie-poles." From these beams the tobacco was hung and allowed to naturally air-dry. To facilitate the curing process, the barns were designed with several methods of ventilation. Many barns had windows or ventilators near the roof ridge, while others had vertical board siding which were hinged for vent openings or loosely spaced. Another common feature was the elevation of the barn on "legs" which provided air circulation from below the barn (Caravan 1995, 37).

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1947, the Bell Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an example of a common twentieth century building type which lacks individual distinction. The house has been altered by the enclosure of the front and rear porches with 1/1 windows and the application of aluminum siding. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u> X </u>
Comments _____	

Reviewer, OPS: <u> </u>	Date: <u>5/15/95</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u> </u>	Date: <u>5/22/95</u>

2007

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-476 (PACS B52)

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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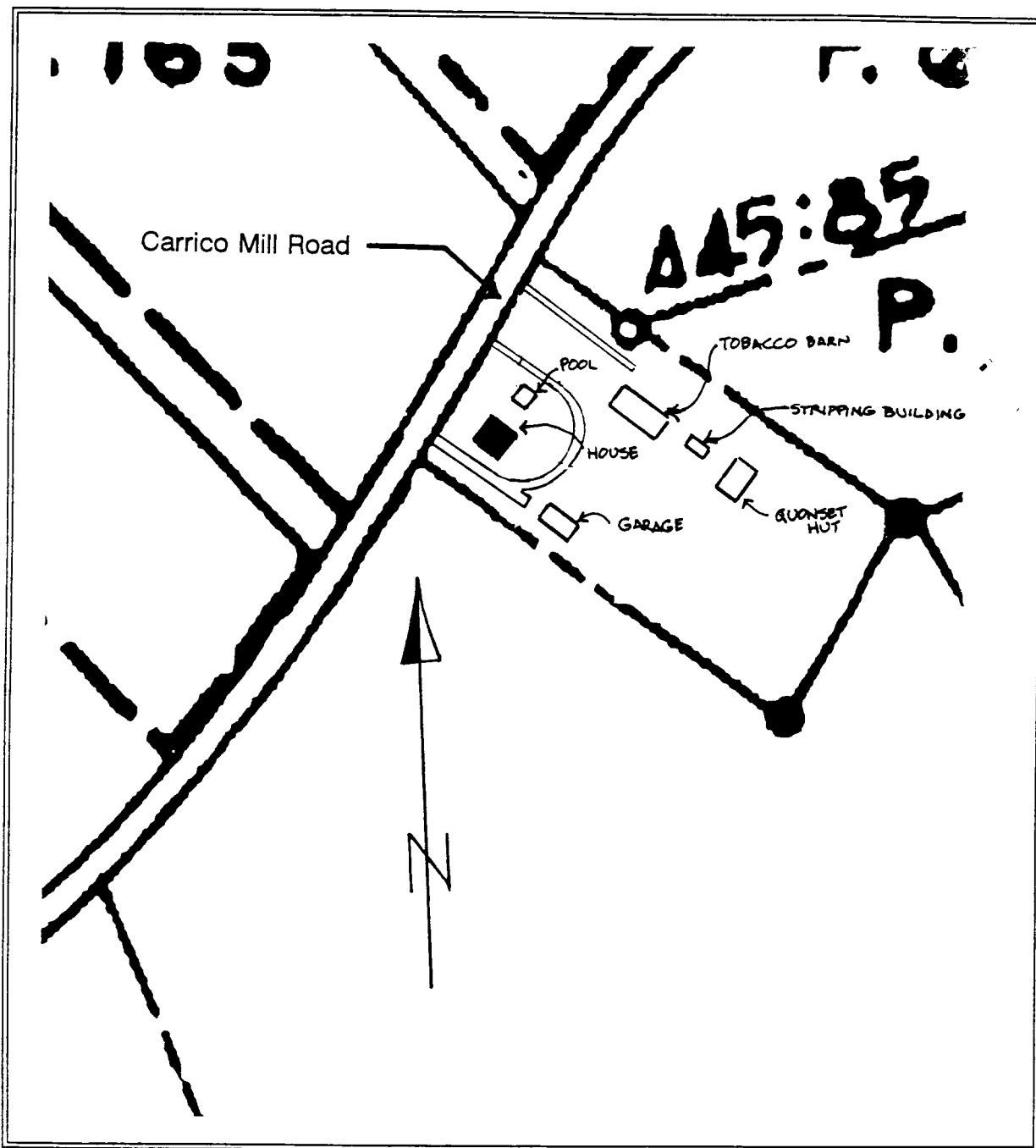
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

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Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agricultural / Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

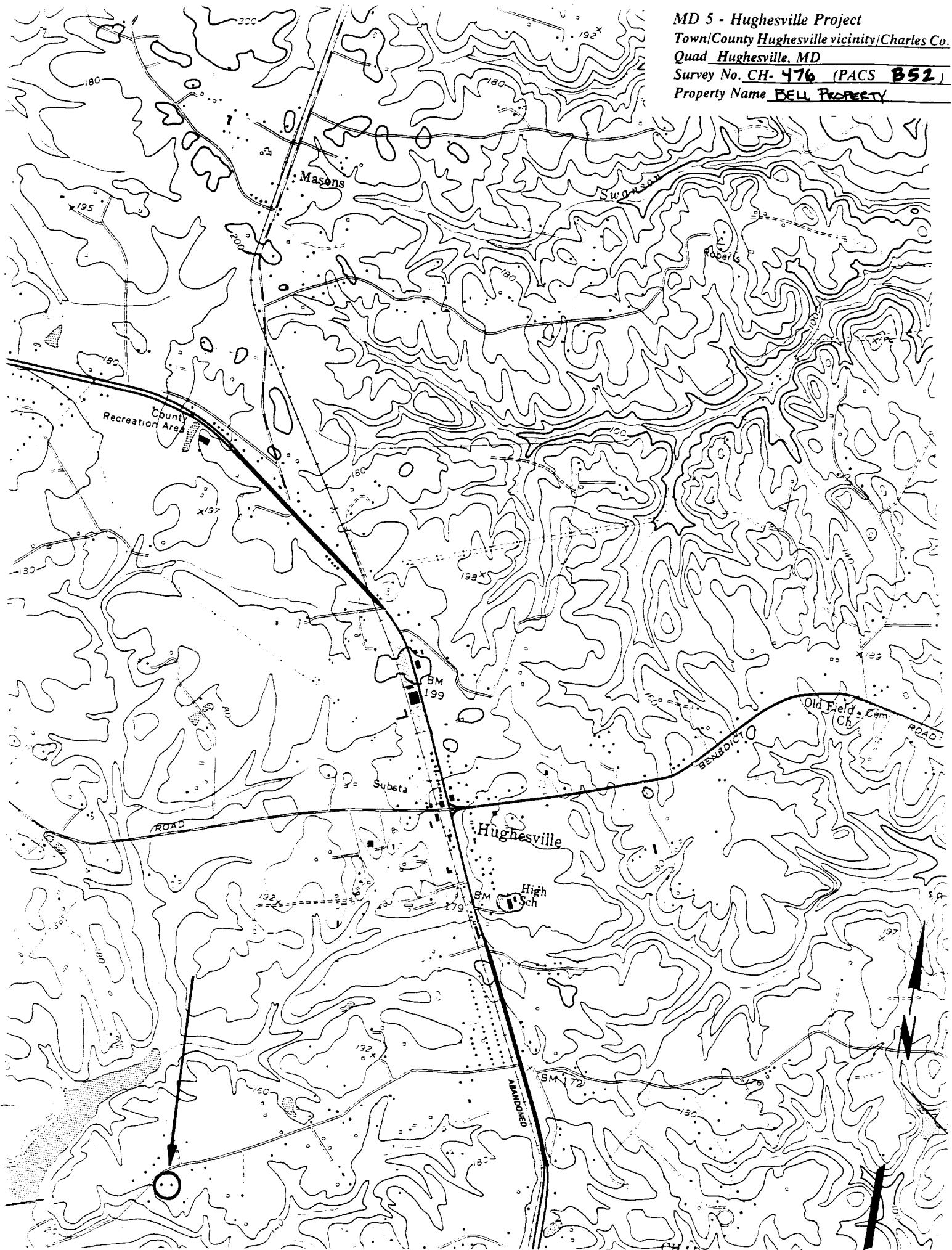
Farmstead

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer
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January 1997

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- 5- January 1997
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- 7- Front elevation view S
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- 7- Rear and west elevation, view NE
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- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Barn, view NW
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- 6 MD SHA
- 7 East elevation, view W
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4 Jim Tamburino

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6 MD SHPO

7 Garage, view S

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